

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2895

By Mr. Kennedy of Brockton, petition of Thomas P. Kennedy and others that provision be made for consumer choice in the selection of long-term medical services. Health Care Financing.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Thomas P. Kennedy  
John W. Scibak

Walter F. Timilty

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CONSUMER CHOICE IN LONG-TERM MEDICAL SERVICES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 118E of the General Laws, § 12 is hereby amended by  
2 inserting, after the ninth paragraph so appearing, the following  
3 paragraph:—  
4 Provided that an individual eligible for or receiving acute or  
5 chronic long-term care must be given the opportunity to have  
6 those Medicaid dollars follow them to the community and choose  
7 the personal care option in the community that best meets the  
8 individuals' needs. The Division shall apply for any necessary  
9 waiver from the federal government to allow funds received pur-  
10 suant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act to be used for any  
11 services necessary to support individuals in their own homes in  
12 the community.